

1. (Original) An illuminated tap handle comprising:
 - a handle portion with a detachable top end and a hollow portion inside the handle that opens up to the detachable top end;
 - a light source coupled to the handle portion;
 - a conducting portion coupled to the detachable end;
 - an energy source removeably connectable to the light source and removable from the handle portion;
 - a conducting strip with a first end and a second end;
 - the first end of the conducting strip coupled to the light source;
 - the conducting portion capable of touching the second end of the conducting strip and the energy source when the detachable top end is attached to the handle portion; and
 - the handle portion is capable of being secured to a tap.
2. (Original) The illuminated tap handle of claim 1 further comprising:
 - the detachable top end threadably securable to the handle portion;
 - the handle portion threadably securable to a tap; and
 - a conductor fixedly connected to the light source and removeably connectable to the energy source.
3. (Original) The illuminated tap handle of claim 1 wherein the light source is an incandescent light.
4. (Original) The illuminated dispensing handle of claim 1 wherein the light source is a light emitting diode.
5. (Currently Amended) An illuminated tap handle comprising:
 - a handle portion with a detachable [detachabl] bottom end and a hollow portion inside [insid] the handle that opens up to the detachable bottom end;
 - a light source coupled to the handle portion;
 - a conducting portion coupled to the detachable bottom end;
 - an energy source removeably connectable to the light source and removable from the handle portion;
 - a conducting strip with a first end and a second end;

the first end of the conducting strip coupled to the light source; the conducting portion capable of touching the second end of the conducting strip and the energy source when the detachable bottom end is attached to the handle portion; and the detachable bottom end is capable of being secured to a tap.

6. (Original) The illuminated tap handle of claim 5 further comprising: the detachable bottom end threadably securable to the handle portion; the detachable bottom end threadably securable to a tap; and a conductor fixedly connected to the light source and removeably connectable to the energy source.
7. (Original) The illuminated tap handle of claim 6 wherein the light source is an incandescent light.
8. (Original) The illuminated tap handle of claim 6 wherein the light source is a light emitting diode.
9. (Currently Amended) An illuminated tap handle comprising:
a handle portion with a detachable top end and a hollow portion inside the handle that opens up to the detachable top end;
a light source coupled to the handle portion;
a conducting portion coupled to the detachable end;
an energy source removeably connectable to the [th] light source and removable from the handle portion;
a flexible conducting strip with a first end and a second end;
the first end of the flexible conducting strip coupled to the light source;
the second end of the flexible conducting strip situated between the detachable end and the energy source;
the detachable top end capable of pressing the flexible conducting strip onto the energy source when it is attached to the handle; and
the handle portion capable of being secured to a tap.
10. (Original) The illuminated tap handle of claim 9 further comprising:
the handle portion threadably securable to the handle portion;

the detachable top end threadably securable to the handle portion; and
a conductor fixedly connected to the light source and removeably connectable to
the energy source.

11. (Original) The illuminated tap handle of claim 9 wherein the light source is an incandescent light.
12. (Original) The illuminated tap handle of claim 9 wherein the light source is a light emitting diode.